IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

Günther HANDKE et al.

Serial No.:

n/a

Filed: concurrently

For:

Bearing For A Piston Rod

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

SIR:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO/SB/08A (04-03). Copies of the listed documents are also enclosed.

The enclosed references were cited in the examination report for the corresponding German application, a copy of which is also enclosed.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R §§1.97(g) and (h), the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement should not be construed as a representation that a search has been made or that information cited is, or is considered to be, material to patentability as defined in §1.56(b), or that any cited document listed or attached is (or constitutes) prior art. Unless otherwise

By Express Mail #EV353806264US

indicated, the date of publication indicated for an item is taken from the face of the item and Applicants reserve the right to prove that the date of publication is in fact different.

If any fees or charges are deemed required at this time in connection with the application, the same may be charged to our Patent and Trademark Office Deposit Account No. 03-2412.

Respectfully submitted,

COHEN, PONTANI, LIEBERMAN & PAVANE

Bv

F. Brice Faller Reg. No. 29,532

551 Fifth Avenue, Suite 1210 New York, New York 10176

(212) 687-2770

Dated: October 29, 2003

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it contains a valid OMB control number

Substitute for Form 1449/PTO				Con	Complete if Known	
			•	Application Number	Not Yet Assigned	
INFORMATION DISCLOSURE				Filing Date	Concurrently herewith	
STATEMENT BY APPLICANT				First Named Inventor	Günther HANDKE	
SIA			as necessary)	Art Unit		
(000 10 11-15) 0.0000 10 11000011,			,	Examiner Name		
Sheet	1	of	1	Attorney Docket Number	4452-582	

U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS						
Examiner Initials*	Cite No. 1	Document Number Number-Kind-Code ^{2 (if} known)	Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear	
		US-		***************************************		
		US-				
		US-				
		US-				
		US-				
		US-				
		US-				
		US-				
		US-				
		US-				
		US-				
		US-				
		US-				
		US-		· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·		
		US-		-/		
·		US-				
		US-				

Examiner Initials*	Cite No. 1	Foreign Patent Document Country Code ³ Number ⁴ Kind-Code ⁵ (if known	Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear	T ⁶
 .		DE 1 937 147	02-04-1971	Daimler-Benz AG	Relevant Figures Appear	•
		DE 27 13 133	10-08-1987	Meldau, G.		
-		DE 80 26 889	10-08-1980	Boge GmbH		··
		GB 2 050 557	01-07-1981	Nissan Motor		
		DE 101 26 680	01-16-2003	ZF Sachs		
		DE 101 20 080	01-10-2003	Zr Saciis		

Examiner Signature	Date Considered	
-----------------------	--------------------	--

^{*}EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.' Applicant's unique citation designation number (optional). 'See Kinds Codes of USPTO Patent Documents at www.uspto.gov or MPEP 901.04. Enter Office that issued the document, by the two-letter code (WIPO Standard ST.3). For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document. Kind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST. 16 if possible. Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached.

This collection of information is required by 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98. The information is required to obtain or retain a benefit by the public which is to file (and by the USPTO to process) an application. Confidentiality is governed by 35 U.S.C. 122 and 37 CFR 1.14. This collection is estimated to take 2 hours to complete, including gathering, preparing, and submitting the completed application form to the USPTO. Time will vary depending upon the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you require to complete this form and/or suggestions for reducing this burden, should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, U.S. Department of Commerce, Washington, DC 20231. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Commissioner for Patents, Washington, DC 20231.